

(d) selecting the first string in the list satisfying the constraint as the recognized string,

if none of the hypothesized digit strings satisfy the constraint,

(e) prompting entry of a repeated spoken digit string, which is a repeat of the spoken digit string entered in step (a);

(f) analyzing the repeated spoken digit string to generate a second list of hypothesized digit strings arranged in ranked order based on a likelihood of matching the repeated spoken digit string; and one of:

(g) (i) selecting the recognized string in accordance with a comparison of the first and second list if the constraint is satisfied; or

(ii) performing additional verification techniques to determine the correct digit string until the constraint is satisfied, and then subsequently selecting the correct digit string, wherein said additional verification techniques include performing at least one of a checksum approach with the N-best list and a personal identification number, a database match comparison with valid entries, digit positional constraints and fuzzy matching criterion.

18. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of prompting entry of a spoken digit string prior to its receipt in step (a).